

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to a Decision on Appeal mailed on June 12, 2008. The Applicant requests that the application be reopened for prosecution. Claims 1-13 and 15-21 were pending prior to this response. After amending claims 1, 6, 8, 11, and 21, and canceling claims 2 and 7, claims 1, 3-6, 8-13, and 15-21 remain pending.

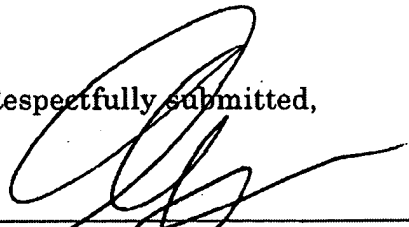
The Decision on Appeal found a new ground for rejection, stating that claims 1 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Tsunetomo et al. ("Tsunetomo"; US 2003/0157211). The Decision stated that all the limitations of claims 1 and 21 are disclosed in paragraphs [0046], [0071-0072], [0078], [0091], and Figs. 8A-8D. The Decision did not address claims 2-13 and 15-20. This rejection is traversed as follows.

Claims 1 and 21 have been amended to include the subject matter of claims 2 and 7, now canceled. Although Tsunetomo discloses an epoxy-based resin 7 material, Tsunetomo does not disclose a lens material of HfO_2 , TiO_2 , ZrO_2 , or ZnO_2 . Since Tsunetomo does not disclose every limitation of claims 1 and 21, Tsunetomo cannot anticipate these claims. Claims 3-6, 8-13, and 15-20, dependent from claim 1, enjoy the same distinctions over the cited prior art, and the Applicant requests that the rejection be removed.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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